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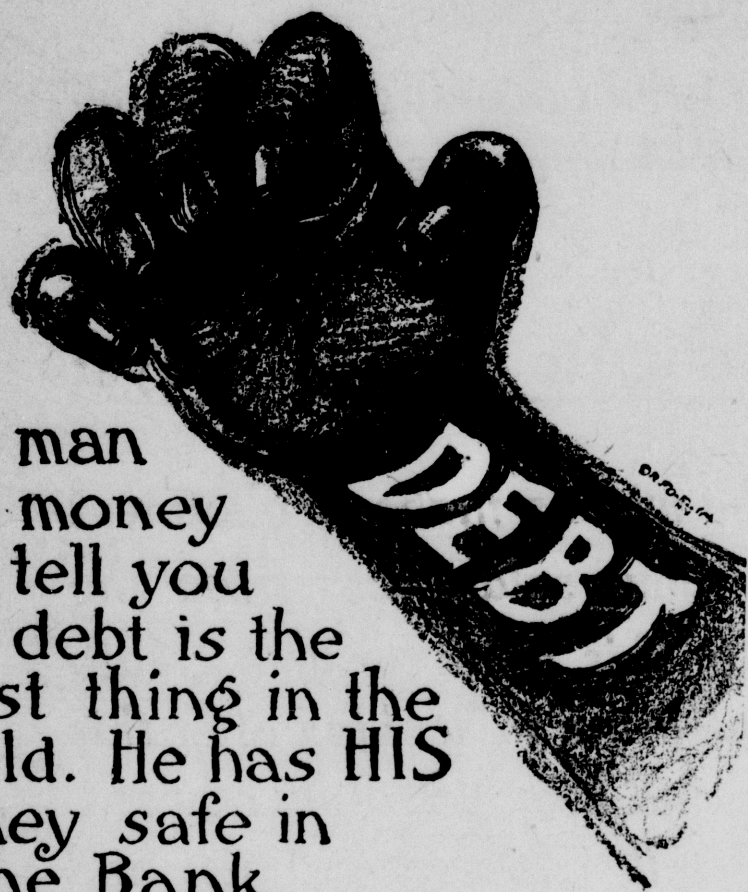
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The man with money can tell you that debt is the worst thing in the world. He has his money safe in the Bank.

The black hand is certainly hanging over the individual who is in debt. Don't get into debt. There are lots of little things you can do without now that you can enjoy later if you'll just put a little money in the bank. That little money grows just as the acorn does into a great oak. You will be encouraged to work harder and earn more when you have money in the bank.

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First State Bank
DECATUR - TEXAS

EXEMPTION BOARD OLD-TIME SETTLER SENDING CARDS ANSWERS CALL

Washington Sends Strong Patriot and Christian Gentleman Died Sunday Warnings to Members

The Wise county exemption board has been in session this week preparing to send out the notices for the appearance of those who have registered before the board for examination. The board expects to send out the notices in time for the first one-third of those drafted to report Monday, Aug. 6. The law expressly states that all drafted men must report for physical examination on dates called for. A failure to do so will mean the immediate drafting of that person into the service.

Those appearing for physical examination will be stripped and given a thorough examination by the examining physician in the presence of one or more of the other members of the board. The rules governing the physical examination sent to the board are such that is believed that a very small per cent will be exempt on physical condition. If the examining physician should exempt a man on his physical condition, another physician must examine the exempted man without regard to the examination already undergone; and if the second physician decides the man is disqualified, this man will be drafted for service. Should both physicians exempt the man, the other two members of the board have the power to set aside the opinion of the two physicians and draft the man for service.

The physical examination will include the observation of the general condition of the skin, scalp and the cranium, ears, eyes, nose, mouth, face, neck and chest; also weight, height and chest measurements; attention being also given to mobility, and general condition and usefulness of both upper and lower limbs. The law is so plain that the local board will be a board of acceptance rather than one of exemption. Every point is thoroughly covered in the instructions, leaving no chance for the board to show favoritism. Any false statement given, or any one assisting in a false statement in any way before the board, is subject to imprisonment for one year. Conspiracy to defraud the United States in any manner means \$10,000 fine and 2 years imprisonment. The person who testifies or certifies before the board to any material matter which he does not believe to be true, is guilty of perjury, and shall be fined not more than \$2000 and imprisoned not more than 5 years.

General Crowder's communication, mailed to all boards, reads as follows:

"You are entering on a difficult task, the gravity of which is beyond anything that can be said in the way of discussion. You realize the significance of what you are to do and that you know that a responsibility heavier perhaps than any you have ever faced is upon you.

"War demands individual sacrifice to the common cause. No people ever approached war with a calmer appreciation of that sacrifice or a firmer resolve to bear it and to present themselves to be classified for service in the place to which it shall best serve the common good to call them. This calm determination could not exist were it not for the force of the nation in its institutions. In this public confidence is subject to the very spirit of the selective service law. The most sacred rights of country, home and family are intrusted for adjudication to local citizens and officials named by the state governors and appointed by the president.

"The most equitable plans that could be devised have been prescribed for guidance and the administration of these rules and the sacrifice that is offered by your neighbors is intrusted to your hands. From everyone is demanded a sacrifice. But there is one thought always to be kept always in your mind. The selected man offers his life. There is no greater giving than this; and that thought should guide you always. There may be a few who will urge upon you claims for exemption or discharge that, whatever may be your inclinations of sympathy or affection you will know ought not to be granted. It will strengthen you to remember that form of exemption or dis-

W. W. Williams, age 72 years, died at his home in this city Sunday night after a short illness. Deceased was born in Jackson county, Alabama, in 1845. He served four years in the Confederate army under Gen. Joseph Johnson. After the bloody strife was over he went back to his native state, where in 1867 he married Miss Minnie Thompson. Thirty-eight years ago he moved with his family to Wise county and settled on a farm southwest of Decatur. A few years ago he sold his farm and moved to Decatur.

A large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends attended the funeral services at the Methodist church Monday afternoon, which were conducted by Pastor Moreland and Rev. Lehnhoff. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

In the passing of this man from the walks of life, Decatur and Wise county loses a good and useful citizen, the institutions that stand for right loses a stalwart and fearless supporter, and a family loses one of the best husbands and fathers that a good God gives to a wife and children.

Mr. W. W. Williams was a man. He stood for the things that go to make better men and women; he championed the cause of right in our political life, and he followed the teachings and commands of his bible. He was true to himself and he was false to no man. Rugged, a product of the stormy days of his country, he knew no guile; outspoken in his convictions, and as true as steel to his friends.

In the dark days of his Dixieland he went forth and offered his young life to his country. For four long and eventful years he followed the Stars and Bars under the matchless Joe Johnson and Joe Wheeler, and throughout his enlistment he was a brave and courageous soldier. When all was lost and the old flag was furling forever, Mr. Williams laid down his arms at the surrender at Greensboro, N. C., "to learn war no more forever." He returned to his native state and commenced rebuilding his devastated country. Throughout the gloomy and momentous period following the close of the bloody strife he held steadfast to the principles of right and loyally supported the government he had surrendered to, and all along life's route this steadfastness to right principles characterized the man, and when the end came he "drew the draperies about his couch" with the sublime satisfaction that he had done his best to meet the requirements of his God and country.

Messenger extends sympathy to the bereaved children and that splendid wife, the helpmate and companion of this patriot and Christian gentleman. You, Mrs. Williams, who traveled the long road with him, sharing his trials and triumphs—when the shadows gathered and when the sunshine of happiness dispelled the gloom, true and faithful—have our deepest sympathy.

The children and relatives from a distance attending the funeral were: J. P. Williams and wife Post; W. C. Loveless and wife, Godby; Dr. A. L. Thomas and wife, Ennis; J. D. Thompson and wife, Amarillo; R. A. Thompson and wife, Ninekah, Ok.; J. G. Thompson, Chickasha, Okla.; John Williams, Fort Worth; Embury Williams, Post; Ernest Andrews and wife, Archer City.

charge that is made for individual convenience or to escape personal loss of money or property or to favor of action some other men whose time would not otherwise have come must incur the risk of losing his life.

"There can be no room for hesitation in such a case.

"Another fundamental thought is this:

"You are not a court for the adjustment of differences between two persons in controversy. You are agents of the government, engaged in selecting men for the government and there is no controversy. You, in

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Did you ever have enough ice cream when you were small? If you did you know how much happiness it gave you; if you didn't, you know the craving. Come in and buy a new freezer and some dishes so that the whole family can have plenty of wholesome home-made healthful ice cream. It won't cost much. Our freezers are best; they stand the test.

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The City Meat Market

THE WISE COUNTY MESSENGER.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.

SALUTE THE FLAG

BY HENRY C. BUNNER

Off with your hat as the flag goes by!
And let the heart have its say:
You're man enough for a tear in your eye
That you will not wipe away.
You're man enough for a thrill that goes
To your very finger-tips;
Ay! the lump just then in your throat
That arose
Spoke more than your parted lips.
Lift up your boy on your shoulder high,
And show him the faded shred—
Those stripes would be red as the sunset sky
If death could have dyed them red.
The old tune thunders through all the air,
And strikes right into the heart;
If ever it calls for you, boy, be there!
Be there, and ready to start.
Off with your hat as the flag goes by!
Uncover the youngster's head!
Teach him to hold it holy and high,
For the sake of its sacred dead.

The Messenger extends a hearty welcome to the Old Soldiers, old settlers and all visitors to the Wise county reunion now in progress. We hope you will all enjoy the occasion.

TOLSTOY'S PROPHECIES

In the autumn of 1910 shortly before his death, Count Leo Tolstoy had a vision of the future. The article which follows was published in The Star August 31, 1914. It follows:

This is a revelation of events of a universal character, which must shortly come to pass. Their spiritual outlines are now before my eyes. I see floating upon the surface of the sea of human fate the huge silhouette of a nude woman. She is—with her beauty, her poise, her smile, her jewels—a super Venus. Nations rush meekly after each other, each of them eager to attract her especially. But she, like an eternal courtesan, flirts with all. In her hair ornament of diamonds and rubies is engraved her name: "Commercialism." As alluring and bewitching as she seems, much destruction follows in her wake. Her breath, wreaking in sordid transactions, her voice of metallic character like gold, and her look of greed are so much poison to the nations who victims to her charms.

And behold she has three gigantic arms, and three torches of universal corruption in her hand. The first torch represents the flame of war that the courtesan carries from city to city country to country. Patriotism answers with flashes of honest flame, but the end is the roar of guns and musketry.

The second torch bears the flame of bigotry and hypocrisy. It lights the lamps only in temples and on the altars of sacred institutions. It carries the seed of falsity and fanaticism. It kindles the minds that are still in cradles and follows them to their graves.

The third torch is that of the law, that dangerous foundation of all unauthentic traditions, which first does its work in the family, then sweeps through the large worlds of literature, art and statesmanship.

The great conflagration will start about 1912, set by the torch of the first arm in the countries of South-eastern Europe. It will develop into a destructive calamity in 1913. In that year I see all Europe in flames and bleeding. I hear the lamentations of huge battlefields. But about the year 1915 a strange figure from the north—a new Napoleon—enters

the stage of the bloody drama. He is a man of little militaristic training, a writer or a journalist, but in his grip most of Europe will remain until 1925. The end of the great calamity will mark a new political era for the Old World. There will be left no empires and kingdoms, but the world will form a federation of the United States of Nations. There will remain only four great nations—the Anglo-Saxons, the Latins, the Slavs and the Mongolians.

After the year 1925 I see a change in religious sentiments. The second torch of the courtesan brought about the fall of the church. The ethical idea has almost vanished. Humanity is without the moral feeling. But then, a great reformer arises. He will clear the world of the relics of monotheism and lay the cornerstone of the temple of pantheism. God, soul, spirit and immortality will be molten in a new furnace and I see the peaceful beginning of an ethical era. The man determined to this mission is a Mongolian Slav. He is already walking the earth—a man of active affairs. He himself does not now realize the mission assigned to him by a superior power.

And behold the flame of the third torch, which has already begun to destroy our family relations, our standards of art and morals. The relation between man and woman is accepted as a prosaic partnership of the sexes. Art has become realistic degeneracy. Political and religious disturbances have shaken the spiritual foundations of all nations. The race wars in Africa have strangled progress for half a century. But then in the middle of this century I see a hero of literature and art rising from the ranks of the Latins and purging the world of the tedious stuff of the obvious. It is the light of symbolism that shall outline the light of the torch of commercialism. In place of the polyamy and monogamy of today there will come a poetogamy—a relation of the sexes based fundamentally upon poetic conceptions of life.

And I see the nations growing wiser and realizing that the alluring woman of their desires is after all nothing but an illusion. There will be a time when the world will have no use for armies, hypocritical religions and degenerate art. Life is evolution, and evolution is development from the simple to the more complicated forms of the mind and body. I see the passing show of the world drama in

its present form, how it fades like the glow of evening upon the mountains. One month of the hand of commercialism and a new history begins.
—Published by request.

EXEMPTION BOARD SENDING CARDS

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acting for the government, are to investigate each case in the interest of the nation and never in the interests of an individual. There is not an exemption or discharge in the law or regulations that is put there for the benefit of any individual. All are there for the benefit of the nation and to the end that the whole nation may be a team in which each man shall play the part for which he is best fitted.

"Therefore no one has a vested right, by himself or by attorney to urge, by argument or pleading, his individual case upon you. You should rigidly exclude this. Ordinarily you should act on the affidavits. If you desire more information you may proceed to get it. If you doubt the affidavits you may interrogate other persons. If you desire more proof you may get it. But no claimant has a right to submit other proof than that called for by registrations or than that you may call for.

"There should be no rules like those of court procedure, no technical rules of evidence. You should proceed to investigate cases about which you are not satisfied exactly as you, an individual, would proceed to inform yourself about any fact about which you are in doubt.

"Last of all, it is important to say a word about your own sacrifice. The place to which you have been called is one which no man would seek save in the performance of one of the highest patriotic duties.

There is not in any real sense any remuneration. Because thousands of citizens urged that members of local boards should be not placed in a position of performing their grave duties for pay, the regulations provide that ordinarily the service shall be uncompensated. Because it was not desired that any man be prevented from rendering the service by the necessity for earning his daily bread, a small remuneration was provided.

"The nation needs men and needs them quickly. The hours will then be long and the work absorbing. The duty is always to take and never to give, and human nature is such there will be little praise and some blame. The sacrifice of many of those whose cases are to be decided is no greater than that of the men to decide them; and your only reward must be the knowledge that at great personal sacrifice you are rendering your country an indispensable service in a matter of the utmost moment."

Are You Interested in Wise County Fair?

We want you to get busy and help us to make this the best fair in the history of the organization. President Wilson says: let no public enterprise stop on account of the war. Dates for this year's fair are Oct. 9-10-11-12-13. By having five days we are enabled to secure larger and better attractions, and offer larger premiums. Catalogs will be out in a short time. Special premiums are offered on display of farm products and also there is this year a special \$40 community prize for the largest and best display of farm and garden products from any community. Substantial premiums usually exhibited at a county fair. There will be a number of new and novel features this year, and the attractions will be larger and better than ever before. We respectfully ask the help and co-operation of everyone in Wise county and want you to take a personal interest in this worthy enterprise. The onemotive of the operation of the Wise County fair is a furtherance and promotion of Wise County farming and stockraising and industry generally. It is not operated in the interest of any person or groups of persons nor for any money-making motive other than that of defraying the legitimate expenses of the organization. Any suggestions will be properly received by the board of directors. We urge everyone to join with us in this worthy enterprise. (Signed) L. H. Reeves, W. L. Rush, Warren Lillard, J. H. McCaskey, J. H. Lynch, Sam Renshaw, S. A. Lillard, Jr. Board of Directors

Patronize the Boy Scout stand while attending the reunion. The boys will also carry a free information bureau.

Do You Carry a Bank Account?

If not, we invite you to open one with us and begin to save something for adversity or old age. Call in and let us explain some of the advantages to be derived from carrying an account with a **STRONG BANK.**

A Word To Our Soldier Boys:

Would it not be wise to make an allotment of say one-half your salary and have the amount sent to this bank for your credit. We will take pleasure in looking after this matter for you and keep you fully advised. Come in and talk this over with us, and also sign our Roll of Volunteers.

The City National Bank

J. WARREN LILLARD, Cashier

W. L. RUSH, Vice President

United States Depository for Postal Savings

Sheriff's Notice of Election

The State of Texas, County of Wise—

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 5th day of August, 1917, at Bethel school house, in common school district No. 72 of this county, as established by order of the county board of trustees of this county, of date the 19th day of May, 1916, which is recorded in Book 1, page 56 of the minutes of county board of trustees to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpayers voters of that district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the school fund apportioned to said district, and to determine whether the commissioners' court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of 50c on the \$100 valuation of taxable property when taken in connection with the bond tax, and in said district for said purpose. All persons who are legally qualified voters of this state and county who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election. Said election was ordered by the county judge of this county by order made on the 11th day of July, 1917, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated the 11th day of July, 1917. J. LEE MANN, Sheriff Wise County, Texas. (8-1)

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Wise:

By virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Wise county, on the 17th day of July, 1917, by W. V. Cunningham, clerk of said court, against V. S. Halcomb, A. B. Tumlin and B. G. Neville for the sum of one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three (\$1,733.87) dollars and eighty-seven cents and costs of suit, in cause No. 4069 in said court, styled H. C. Browning versus V. S. Halcomb et al and placed in my hands for service, I, J. Lee Mann, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did on the 17th day of July, 1917, levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise county, described as follows, to-wit: Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24 in block No. 59 in the town of Bridgeport, Wise county, Texas, as shown by the record plat of said town of Bridgeport, and levied upon as the property of said V. S. Halcomb, A. B. Tumlin and B. G. Neville. And on Tuesday, the 7th day of August, 1917, at the courthouse door of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. I will sell said real estate at public vendue for cash to the highest bidder, as the property of said V. S. Halcomb, A. B. Tumlin and B. G. Neville by virtue of a said levy and said order of sale.

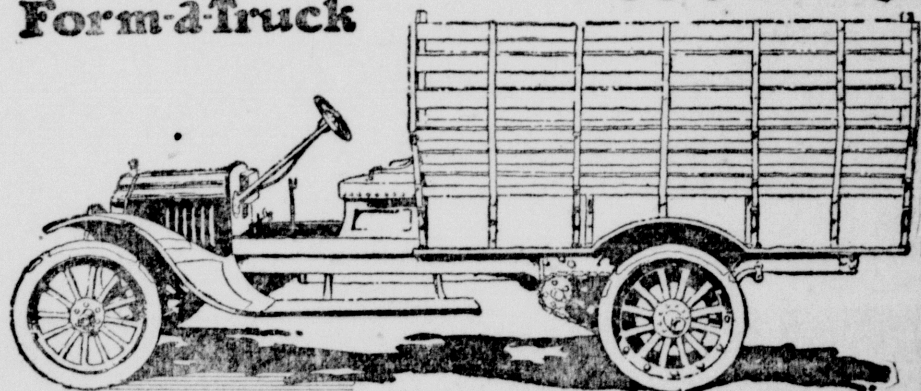
And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand, this 17th day of August, 1917. J. LEE MANN, Sheriff Wise County, Texas. (8-3)

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And all of this on the Smith Form-a-Truck chassis.

Thousands of ranch owners are using Smith Form-a-Truck now. You will not get the utmost efficiency out of your farm until you use it.

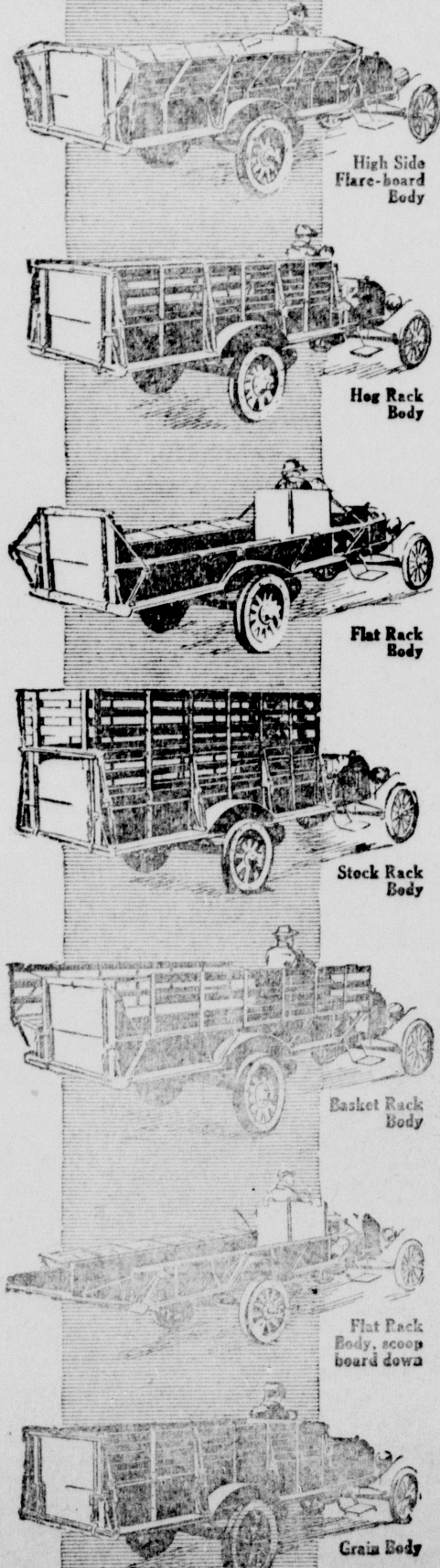
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TO *The* PEOPLE of TEXAS

The railroads of Texas were built and are maintained and operated for your benefit. They are necessary for your welfare and happiness, or else they would not have been authorized or constructed.

Legally, it is the duty of the railroads to furnish you with reasonably adequate and expeditious transportation service.

You are required to pay, in the way of freight and passenger rates and fares, enough to pay all the necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the railroads and in addition thereto enough to yield to the owners a reasonably fair return upon the value of the property devoted to your use and benefit.

The amount you are required to pay is controlled by your public officials, acting under oath, and appointed by your President or elected by you. The amount that these public officials require you to pay is determined mainly by what it costs to operate the railroads. As you will see further on, neither the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Texas Railroad Commission have authorized the charging of more than is necessary.

The records of the railroads are kept in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Those rules require the operating expenses of the railroads to be kept separate from all other expenses.

Each month there is given out from Austin for publication a statement of the gross revenues of the railroads and their operating expenses. These statements are correct as far as they

go, but they do not tell all the truth, for the reason that they do not show the other expenses of the railroads, such as taxes, etc. These other expenses, taxes, hire and rent of equipment, rents of joint facilities, rents accrued for lease of roads and miscellaneous rents will, for the year ending June 30, 1917, amount to about seventeen million five hundred thousand dollars. Taxes alone will amount to over five million dollars. These expenses are just as legitimate and necessary as the expense of running the trains.

When these other necessary expenses are deducted, it will be seen that the railroads of Texas have earned during the year ending June 30, not over 6 per cent upon the value of their properties that are used exclusively for transportation purposes for your benefit.

For the eight preceding years the railroads of Texas have been operated at a net loss of over twenty million dollars.

While other legitimate business is paying dividends of from ten to fifty per cent per annum, surely no just man will object to the railroads occasionally earning such a small return on the value of their property. Surely they ought to be permitted to earn 6 per cent once in nine years without being complained at, or abused.

Out of the aforesaid return, the railroads must pay the interest on their bonds and other indebtedness and make betterments, etc.

Unfortunately, the inability of the railroads to earn anything like adequate returns makes railroad investments very

unattractive and accounts for the almost complete cessation of railroad construction.

More and better railroads are needed, but until the business and earnings of the railroads improve so as to favorably compare with other business, men with money will not invest in railroads, there being so many other avenues of investment where the returns are much larger and much more certain. Whenever the operation of railroads becomes reasonably profitable, money will be readily obtainable for building additional lines.

An analysis and understanding of the conditions of the railroads, physical and financial, will convince any fair-minded man that they cannot stand a reduction in either their freight or passenger rates, and give to the people anything like adequate service. If passenger rates were reduced, freight rates would necessarily have to be increased. Everyone who buys anything, shipped by rail, has to contribute to pay freight rates. Only those who travel extensively would want passenger rates reduced and freight rates increased. These few are more able to pay the present reasonable passenger fares, than the masses of the people to pay greater freight rates.

To you who pay the expenses and are entitled to know the facts, this simple statement of the condition of these public service utilities is submitted and we most respectfully and earnestly ask your fair and intelligent consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Austin
Texas

General Managers Texas Railroads

BOYD.

M. Gooch and family returned last week from a visit to relatives and former neighbors and friends in Ellis county.

Jno. Deaton and family returned last week from a prospecting trip in west Texas, but it was so dry Mr. Deaton decided not to purchase any land at this time.

Miss August Wisdom of Fort Worth visited friends here since our last.

A cream supper was had last Friday night at the pavilion for the purpose of raising money to help defray the expenses of the summer normal singing school.

Boyd will have a three-days, Chautauqua next week, Aug. 6-7-8. We hope it will be a success and furnish the people who attend just the entertainment and instruction they have been looking for.

Wesley (Bud) Beeson of Fort Worth visited relatives and friends here latter part of last week.

Mrs. Ollie Hamilton and little daughter, Miss Marie, visited relatives and friends here since our last.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Norton and Miss Ruby Kirkland of Graham arrived last Saturday for a visit to relatives here.

Miss Ethel Hamilton of Elgin, Ill., is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. S. Fraze.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Maloney, accompanied by their son, Wilson, and his family of Waxahachie, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Fraze, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Summers and children of McAllen, have been here for several days visiting W. C. Read and family.

Arthur Williams of Hurley, N. M., was here on business and visiting friends first of the week.

Pierce Mount of Chico, visited friends here first of the week.

W. N. Mowery of Chico, was here on business.

Rev. W. W. NeSmith of Bridgeport, who is holding a protracted meeting at Friendship, was here with friends Monday.

Mrs. Ola Wilson of Rising Star,

arrived here Monday enroute to visit F. A. Davis and family of the Garvin community.

Mrs. Reagan Ford and daughter, Miss Ila, returned to their home at Bridgeport since our last after an extended stay here with relatives.

Tom Wisdom and family of Fort Worth, visited relatives here since our last. Master Lynn remained for a longer visit.

Miss Ida Evans visited relatives and friends at Paradise since our last.

The eighteen day Summer normal singing school closed last week with a public singing Saturday afternoon. Several of the young people made rapid progress during the normal and if properly trained in the future will make first-class singers.

Mr. Whorton Mann and Miss Vera Goodger of Deep Creek community were married Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. D. Hudgins of this place. These young people have hosts of friends in this vicinity who offer hearty congratulations and wish for them a happy future.

Miss Ethel Zorns visited in Saginaw and Fort Worth first of the week.

Miss Irene Black visited her friend, Mrs. C. E. McGaw, at Fort Worth Monday.

The Apostolic assembly began a big camp meeting at this place last Saturday. Many from a distance have arrived and are assisting in the meeting.

Miss Lucy Solomon of Hall county, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Trussell and friends.

Dr. Jennings of Park Springs, was in Chico Tuesday bidding his old time friends goodbye. He has volunteered his services as a surgeon in Uncle Sam's army. His commission arrived the first of the week and now he is expecting to be called any time. The Doctor and his estimable family have many friends in Chico who wish them the greatest success in their new field. —Chico Review.

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Tax Rates For the State and County

The state automatic tax board yesterday fixed the state ad valorem tax rate at 35c on the \$100 an increase of 15c. This is the constitutional limit. The state school remains 20c and the confederate pensions 5c. This makes the whole state tax rate 60c on the \$100.

The county commissioners have fixed the county tax rate at 55c on the \$100, an increase of 5c, divided as follows: road and bridge fund, 30c; general fund, 19c; jury fund, 3c; sinking fund, 3c. The increase is in the general fund and is caused by the mothers' pension law.

This will make the state and county tax rate for this year \$1.65 on the \$100.

Sheriff's Notice of Election

The state of Texas, County of Wise. Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 11th day of August, 1917, at the school house in common school district No. 63 of this county as established by order of the board of trustees of this county, of date the 28th day of June, 1917, which is recorded in Book One, pages 106-108 of the minutes of said board of trustees to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property tax paying voters of that district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the school fund apportioned to said district, and to determine whether the commissioners' court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of not to exceed 50c on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purpose. All persons who are legally qualified voters of this state and county and who are resident property tax payers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election. Said election was ordered by the county judge of this county by order made on the 22nd day of July, 1917, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order. Dated the 14th day of July, 1917. J. LEE MANN, Sheriff Wise County, Texas. (8-3)

Notice

Notice is hereby given to all water and light consumers that bills are payable on or before the 10th of the month. Ten per cent will be added after that date, and if not paid by the last of the month service will be discontinued and a charge of \$1.00 will be made for connection. All bills are payable at the office of the City Secretary on West Main street; office hours from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Please call and settle. Done by order of the City Council.
R. L. THOMPSON, City Sec.

BOYD Will Have It's First CHAUTAUQUA

August 6, 7, and 8th

August 6—Agriculture Day. Mr. Tom McGalliard will make an address in the morning.

August 7—Educational Day. An address will be delivered by a prominent Texas educator.

August 8—Patriotic Day. An address will be delivered by Judge F. O. McKensey. The above addresses will be free.

The afternoon and night programme will be followed by the Radcliff Chautauqua.

THE RADCLIFF CHAUTAUQUA

has the highest endorsement of the press and pulpit. A small admission fee will be charged for the afternoon and night performances.

The citizens of Boyd cordially invite you to come to their Chautauqua as this will be an opportunity seldom offered to see a high-class, moral entertainment.

Committee

HENRY JACKSON, Chairman
S. D. McCLUNEY,
T. H. WRIGHT.

Wise Co. Reunion AUGUST 1st-2d-3d

LOCAL NEWS

NEW DENVER SCHEDULE

No. 3, 11:07 a.m.	No. 8, 5:06 a.m.
No. 7, 12:45 a.m.	No. 4, 5:12 p.m.
Leave	— Ft. Worth — Arrive
No. 3, 9:30 a.m.	No. 8, 6:45 a.m.
No. 7, 11:05 p.m.	No. 4, 6:45 p.m.
Amarillo	
No. 3, 11:15 p.m.	No. 8, 5:50 p.m.
No. 7, 6:00 p.m.	No. 4, 5:45 a.m.
Arrive	— Denver — Leave
No. 7, 7:00 a.m.	No. 8, 11:30 p.m.

Col. C. N. Workman is here from Willow Point.

Mrs. M. B. Smith and children are visiting in Sunset.

H. Willard of Amarillo, has been visiting here.

Mrs. W. E. Hand spent several days in Krum.

Roy Gibbon has been here this week from Bowie.

Jim Gill of Halsell, and Will Gill of Nocona, are here for a visit.

W. T. Waggoner of Ft. Worth, was here Monday.

Doss McCormack is here from Oklahoma.

W. J. Mann was here Monday from Paradise.

Mrs. A. Caddell, of Electra, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. C. J. Parris is visiting in Clayton, N. M.

Earl Moreland was at home this week.

Penn Dickson has returned from a stay in San Angelo.

Henry Mistletoe Mason was in Fort Worth Monday.

Anthony Morrow was in Oklahoma Sunday.

Miss Alma Moore is spending her vacation at her home in Sildell.

Prof. S. D. Handley was here this week from Bryson.

Mrs. J. R. Stevens of Gainesville, is visiting Mrs. W. W. Williams.

Miss Lena Fulghum of Chico, is the guest of Mrs. Alse Burton.

D. E. Walcott and family are moving back to Decatur from Electra.

D. J. Moss and family of Hamlin, are visiting relatives here.

H. D. Heath II has returned from attending Baylor.

Dave Martin of Dayton, N. M., was here this week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Meadows, on Friday, July 27, a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Griggs, on Friday, July 27, a daughter.

John Simmons has returned from a trip to South Texas.

J. B. Cunningham and wife were here from Denton Tuesday.

W. D. Dickson and family were in Fort Worth Tuesday.

Henry Bridges and family were here from Paradise Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Lewis has returned to her home in Alvord after visiting her children here.

Dr. D. H. Payne is preparing to move his dental parlors to the Masonic building in the suite of rooms to be vacated by McMurray & Gettys.

Visit the Majestic often at the reunion. The program will be changed several times daily.

Rev. G. A. Lenhoff and family of Bowie, attended the funeral of Mr. W. W. Williams here Monday.

H. G. Ward went to Fort Worth Monday and purchased uniforms for the 7th Regiment band.

Editor W. A. Bowen of the Arlington Journal, will deliver an address on the first day of the reunion.

Aubrey Holliday and wife were here from Fort Worth Saturday and Sunday.

Dave Hoyl and family and Shelby Hoyl and family left Tuesday for an extended overland trip to points in West Texas.

Joe Lewis and wife of Dallas, are guests of the family of C. W. Murphree.

First-class cleaning and pressing at Owen's barber shop — F. E. Baits, tailor.

Attend Majestic at the Reunion

Mrs. Zack Thomas and daughter, Miss Sarah, have returned to their home in Lavonia, Ga., after a visit here.

Claud Dillehay, recently elected a member of the Decatur Baptist college, has volunteered in a hospital unit in the U. S. army.

Remember the date for the Ex-confederate reunion—August 1, 2 and 3.

Hon. French Spencer, representative from Wise county, left Saturday for Austin to attend the called session of the House of Representatives, which has convened to hear the impeachment proceedings against Gov. Ferguson.

Bill Schulkey went to Wichita Falls Saturday and volunteered in hospital corps of the U. S. army. Bill returned home to await his call to service.

See Boyd & Mason for 150 acres near Decatur and 60 acres near Greenwood.—Land Office, Decatur.

Letters have been received this week from Horace O'Neal and Noah Reynolds, who are members of the U. S. army somewhere in France. They are both well.—Alvord News.

Visit Majestic at Reunion.

Royl Penn of Waco, is here this week. Royl has volunteered in the ambulance corps of the army.

Mrs. F. E. Shanks and son, who have been visiting here, have returned to Laredo.

Dr. Howell Provence was in Dallas this week, where he has joined the hospital corps. Dr. Provence has had three years in the State Medical school, and will prove a valuable man for Uncle Sam.

Ira Maley lost his household effects Saturday in a fire which destroyed the house which he occupied on the Lillard farm. No insurance was carried by Mr. Maley.

A large crowd attended the services held at the local military camp last Sunday afternoon. Revs. Ward and Eidson delivered splendid addresses to the soldier boys.

Pastor Moreland preached a forceful and appropriate sermon to the military company last Sunday night. Capt. Lillard's company attended in a body. The soldiers were each presented with an army testament by the Epworth League.

Don't forget to visit the Red Cross booth at the reunion and in some way help this noble cause which has for its work the relief of distress in the army.

W. D. Wallace, Eugene Mincy, B. C. Davis of Chico; J. H. Golaz, O. L. Hartsell, D. O. Lawson, Paradise; John Ware, Vineyard, and Clafe Short of Clay county, were among those who attended the funeral of Mr. W. W. Williams Monday.

Miss Louise Jarrett, one of Fort Worth's most charming and beautiful girls, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Steve Lillard, Jr.

Commissioner L. E. Tibbetts has sold three of the teams he has been using on the road work for \$965.—Alvord News.

F. B. Hamilton of Dalhart, has bought the Henry Tackle fruit farm west of Decatur. Mr. Hamilton is preparing to plant a large orchard of all kinds of fruits, and will make this one of the largest fruit farms in this section. He stated that he had never found land better adapted to fruit-growing in all his travels through Colorado and New Mexico.

Capt. Lillard's company of volunteers will be mustered into the federal service at Decatur next Sunday. Many of the members of the company have been given leave to spend this week at their homes, but all of the company must report to camp next Saturday, Aug. 4. It is not known just when the company will be called to Fort Worth, but after the boys are put in the federal service, they will be held in readiness to leave any day.

FOR SALE—4 burner New Perfection oil stove; in good condition; also few vessels. Will sell cheap. MRS. G. W. TYSON. (2 wks)

Notice

A meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank, of Greenwood, Tex., is hereby called for the purpose of voting upon the proposition to close the business of the above named bank and to surrender its corporate franchise in conformity with the provisions of section 77, Acts First Called Session Twenty-ninth Legislature, 1905, same being now Revised Statutes 1911, Article 561, said meeting to be held at the office of said bank in Greenwood, Texas, on Sept. 7, 1917, at 3 o'clock p. m.

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Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Wise.

By virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Wise county, on the 23rd day of July, 1917, by W. V. Cunningham, clerk of said court against J. M. White and A. D. Sanders for the sum of nine hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$974.84) eighty-four cents and costs of suit, in cause No. 4043 in said court, styled J. D. Doughty versus J. M. White et al. and placed in my hands for service, I, J. Lee Mann, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did, on the 23rd day of July, 1917, levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise county, described as follows, to-wit: All of that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, situated in Wise county, Texas, and being 80 acres out of the Edward Shannon survey, the same being fully described in deed of A. D. Sanders and wife to J. M. White of date of Dec. 31, 1910, same being more fully described as follows: All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Wise county, Texas, about 18 miles southwest from Decatur, Texas, on the waters of Garrett creek, the same being a part of the Edward Shannon survey, beginning at a stake in the west line of same thence east 610 vrs, past a stake the N. E. corner of R. E. Hall survey at 339 vrs, stake about 50 feet north of the S. W. cor. of the Chas. Herrin survey for which a no. brs. S. 20, W. 4 vrs, thence north 533 1-4 vrs to a stake from which a po. brs. S. 26 1-2, W. 1 1-2; thence 339 vrs, to a stake in the west line of the Shannon survey, thence south 532 1-4 vrs, to the beginning, containing 80 acres of land more or less, and levied upon as the property of said J. M. White and A. D. Sanders. And on Tuesday, the 4th day of Sept. 1917, at the court house door of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of 10 a m and 4 p m, I will sell said land at public vendue, for cash to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. M. White and A. D. Sanders, by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand, this 23rd day of July, 1917. J. LEE MANN, Sheriff Wise County, Texas. (8-10)

Constable Sale

The State of Texas, County of Wise—By virtue of a certain Alias Execution issued out of the Honorable justice court of precinct no. 1, Tarrant county, on the 15 day of June 1917, by Emmett Moore Justice of the town of said court against V. S. Halcomb et al. for the sum of \$35.47 and costs of suit, in cause no. 24929 in said court, styled H. W. Williams versus V. S. Halcomb et al. and placed in my hands for service, I, R. S. Goode, as constable of precinct no. 7 Wise County, Texas, did, on the 20 day of June 1917 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Wise county, described as follows, to-wit being lot no. 3 in block no. 8, in South Decatur, Tex., and levied upon as the property of said V. S. Halcomb and on Tuesday the 7 day of August 1917, at the court house door of Wise county, in the town of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M and four P. M I will sell said land at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said V. S. Halcomb by virtue of said levy and said execution.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise county Messenger a newspaper published in Decatur Wise county. Witness my hand, this 20 day of June 1917. R. S. Goode, constable 7, Wise County, Texas.

Sheriff's Notice of Election

The State of Texas, County of Wise:

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 11th day of August, 1917, at the school house in common school district No. 63 of this county as established by order of the board of trustees of this county, of date the 28th day of June, 1917, which is recorded in Book 1, pages 106-107 of minutes of said board of trustees, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpaying voters of that district desire the issuance of bonds on the faith and credit of said common school district, in the amount of \$2,000, the bonds to be of the denomination of \$100 each, numbered consecutively from 1 to 20, both inclusive, payable 20 years from their date, and bearing 5 per cent. interest per annum, payable annually on April 10th of each year, to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in building and equipping a public free school building in common school district No. 63, Wise county, Texas, and to determine whether the commissioners' court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually, while said bonds or any of them are outstanding, a tax upon all taxable property within said district sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity. All persons who are legally qualified voters of this state and county and who are resident property taxpayers in said district, shall be entitled to vote at said election. Said election was ordered by the county judge of this county by order made on the 2nd day of July, 1917, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated the 14th day of July, 1917. J. LEE MANN, Sheriff Wise County, Texas. (8-3)

Sheriff's Notice of Election

The State of Texas, County of Wise. Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 18 day of August 1917, at Prairie Point school house in Common School District No. 56, of this County as established by order of the Commissioners' court of this County, of date the 13 day of July, which is recorded in the book of the minutes of said Court, to determine

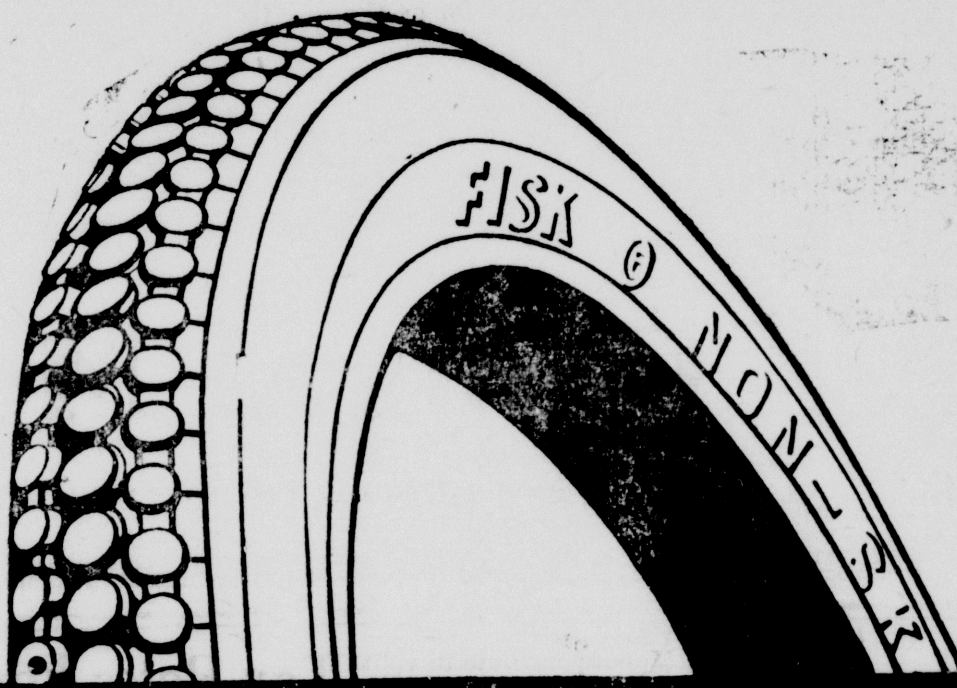
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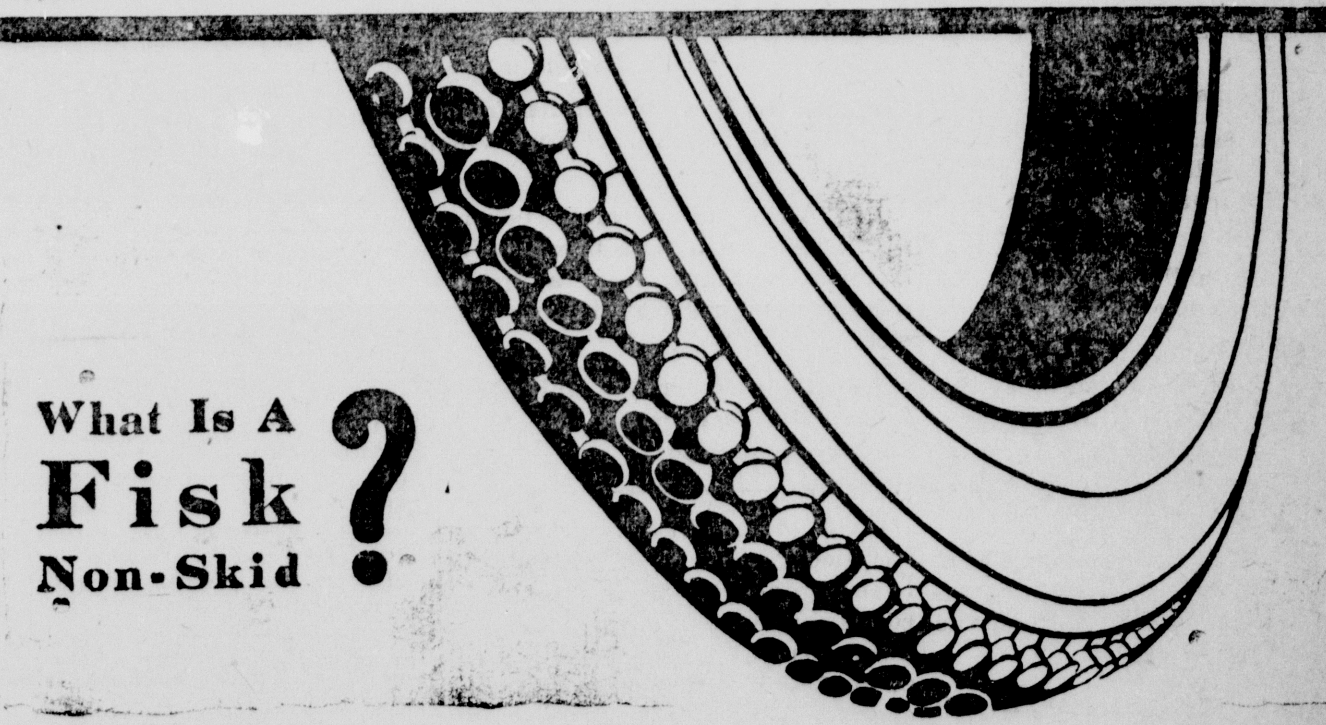
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Is your safety razor a "Gillette"? Who told you about "Bon Ami"? Is their a bottle of "Lysol" at home or any of "Heinz 57 Varieties"? Is your house lighted with "Edison Mazda Lamps"? Which tooth paste do you use "Colgate" or "Pebeco"?

Is "Mennen's Borated Talcum" good for babies? Has your boy or brother an "Ingersoll Dollar Watch"? Is "Kodak" in the dictionary? Who defined it for you? Have you heard of the famous old generals: Buick, Cadillac, Hudson, Packard, Pierce-Arrow?



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whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpaying voters of that district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the State School Fund apportioned to said district, and to determine whether the Commissioners' Court of this County shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually, a tax of

and at the rate of 25c increase 10 to 25 cents on the hundred dollar valuation of taxable property in said district for said purposes.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of said State and County, and who are resident taxpayers in said district, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this county, by order made on the 13 day of July 1917, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order. Dated the July 14, 1917. J. Lee Mann, Sheriff, Wise County, Texas.

Wise county's big reunion—Aug. 1-3

Wise County Messenger.

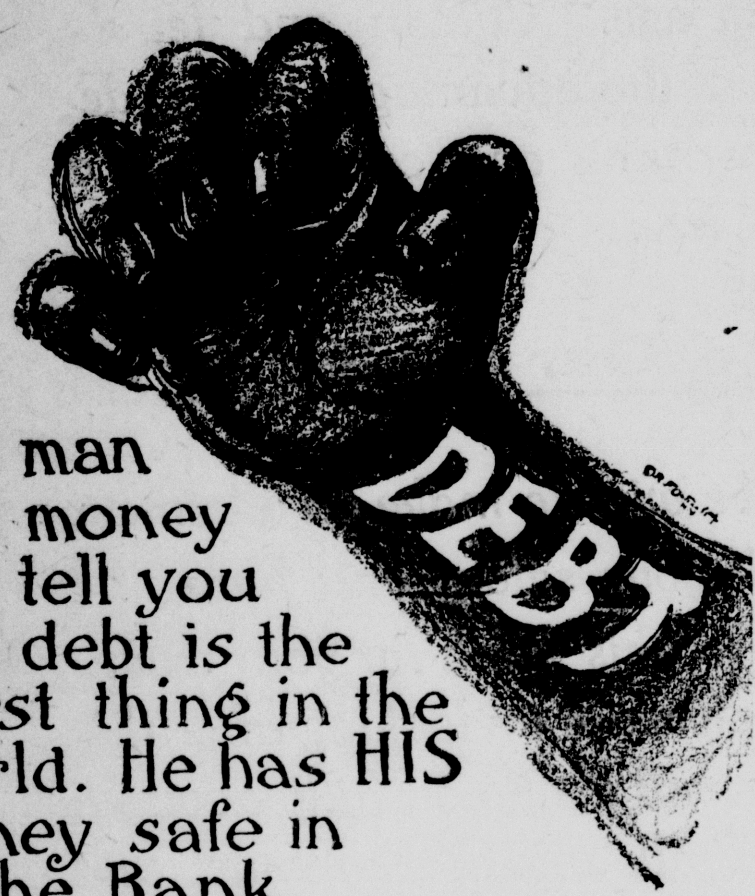
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The City Meat Market

EXEMPTION BOARD SENDING CARDS

Washington Sends Strong Warnings to Members

The Wise county exemption board has been in session this week preparing to send out the notices for the appearance of those who have registered before the board for examination. The board expects to send out the notices in time for the first one-third of those drafted to report Monday, Aug. 6. The law expressly states that all drafted men must report for physical examination on dates called for. A failure to do so will mean the immediate drafting of that person into the service.

Those appearing for physical examination will be stripped and given a thorough examination by the examining physician in the presence of one or more of the other members of the board. The rules governing the physical examination sent to the board are such that is believed that a very small per cent will be exempt on physical condition. If the examining physician should exempt a man on his physical condition, another physician must examine the exempted man without regard to the examination already undergone; and if the second physician decides the man is disqualified, this man will be drafted for service. Should both physicians exempt the man, the other two members of the board have the power to set aside the opinion of the two physicians and draft the man for service.

The physical examination will include the observance of the general condition of the skin, scalp and the cranium, ears, eyes, nose, mouth, face, neck and chest; also weight, height and chest measurements; attention being also given to mobility, and general condition and usefulness of both upper and lower limbs. The law is so plain that the local board will be a board of acceptance rather than one of exemption. Every point is thoroughly covered in the instructions, leaving no chance for the board to show favoritism. Any false statement given, or any one assisting in a false statement in any way before the board, is subject to imprisonment for one year. Conspiracy to defraud the United States in any manner means \$10,000 fine and 2 years imprisonment.

The person who testifies or certifies before the board to any material matter which he does not believe to be true, is guilty of perjury, and shall be fined not more than \$2000 and imprisoned not more than 5 years.

General Crowder's communication, mailed to all boards, reads as follows:

"You are entering on a difficult task, the gravity of which is beyond anything that can be said in the way of discussion. You realize the significance of what you are to do and that you know that a responsibility heavier perhaps than any you have ever faced is upon you.

"War demands individual sacrifice to the common cause. No people ever approached war with a calmer appreciation of that sacrifice or a firmer resolve to bear it and to present themselves to be classified for service in the place to which it shall best serve the common good to call them. This calm determination could not exist were it not for the force of the nation in its institutions. In this public confidence is subject to the very spirit of the selective service law. The most sacred rights of country, home and family are intrusted for adjudication to local citizens and officials named by the state governors and appointed by the president.

"The most equitable plans that could be devised have been prescribed for guidance and the administration of these rules and the sacrifice that is offered by your neighbors is intrusted to your hands. From everyone is demanded a sacrifice. But there is one thought always to be kept always in your mind. The selected man offers his life. There is no greater giving than this; and that thought should guide you always. There may be a few who will urge upon you claims for exemption or discharge that, whatever may be your inclinations of sympathy or affection you will know ought not to be granted. It will strengthen you to remember that form of exemption or dis-

OLD-TIME SETTLER ANSWERS CALL

Patriot and Christian Gentleman Died Sunday

W. W. Williams, age 72 years, died at his home in this city Sunday night after a short illness. Deceased was born in Jackson county, Alabama, in 1845. He served four years in the Confederate army under Gen. Joseph Johnson. After the bloody strife was over he went back to his native state, where in 1867 he married Miss Minnie Thompson. Thirty-eight years ago he moved with his family to Wise county and settled on a farm southwest of Decatur. A few years ago he sold his farm and moved to Decatur.

A large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends attended the funeral services at the Methodist church Monday afternoon, which were conducted by Pastor Moreland and Rev. Lehnhoff. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

In the passing of this man from the walks of life, Decatur and Wise county loses a good and useful citizen, the institutions that stand for right loses a stalwart and fearless supporter, and a family loses one of the best husbands and fathers that a good God gives to a wife and children.

Mr. W. W. Williams was a man. He stood for the things that go to make better men and women; he championed the cause of right in our political life, and he followed the teachings and commands of his bible. He was true to himself and he was false to no man. Rugged, a product of the stormy days of his country, he knew no guile; outspoken in his convictions, and as true as steel to his friends.

In the dark days of his Dixieland he went forth and offered his young life to his country. For four long and eventful years he followed the Stars and Bars under the matchless Joe Johnson and Joe Wheeler, and throughout his enlistment he was a brave and courageous soldier. When all was lost and the old flag was furled forever, Mr. Williams laid down his arms at the surrender at Greensboro, N. C. "to learn war no more forever." He returned to his native state and commenced rebuilding his devastated country. Throughout the gloomy and momentous period following the close of the bloody strife he held steadfast to the principles of right and loyally supported the government he had surrendered to, and all along life's route this steadfastness to right principles characterized the man, and when the end came he "drew the draperies about his couch" with the sublime satisfaction that he had done his best to meet the requirements of his God and country.

Messenger extends sympathy to the bereaved children and that splendid wife, the helpmate and companion of this patriot and christian gentleman. You, Mrs. Williams, who traveled the long road with him, sharing his trials and triumphs—when the shadows gathered and when the sunshine of happiness dispelled the gloom, true and faithful—have our deepest sympathy.

The children and relatives from a distance attending the funeral were: J. P. Williams and wife Post; W. C. Loveless and wife, Godby; Dr. A. L. Thomas and wife, Ennis; J. D. Thompson and wife, Amarillo; R. A. Thompson and wife, Ninekah, Ok.; J. G. Thompson, Chickasha, Okla.; John Williams, Fort Worth; Embury Williams, Post; Ernest Andrews and wife, Archer City.

charge that is made for individual convenience or to escape personal loss of money or property or to favor of action some other men whose time would not otherwise have come must incur the risk of losing his life.

"There can be no room for hesitation in such a case.

"Another fundamental thought is this:

"You are not a court for the adjustment of differences between two persons in controversy. You are agents of the government, engaged in selecting men for the government and there is no controversy. You, in

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Did you ever have enough ice cream when you were small? If you did you know how much happiness it gave you; if you didn't, you know the craving. Come in and buy a new freezer and some dishes so that the whole family can have plenty of wholesome home-made healthful ice cream. It won't cost much. Our freezers are best; they stand the test.

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SALUTE THE FLAG

BY HENRY C. BUNNER

Off with your hat as the flag goes by!
And let the heart have its say;
You're man enough for a tear in your eye
That you will not wipe away.

You're man enough for a thrill that goes
To your very finger-tips;
Ay! the lump just then in your throat
That arose
Spoke more than your parted lips.

Lift up your boy on your shoulder high,
And show him the faded shred—
Those stripes would be red as the sunset sky
If death could have dyed them red.

The old tune thunders through all the air,
And strikes right into the heart;
If ever it calls for you, boy, be there!
Be there, and ready to start.

Off with your hat as the flag goes by!
Uncover the youngster's head!
Teach him to hold it holy and high,
For the sake of its sacred dead.

The Messenger extends a hearty welcome to the Old Soldiers, old settlers and all visitors to the Wise county reunion now in progress. We hope you will all enjoy the occasion.

TOLSTOY'S PROPHECIES

In the autumn of 1910 shortly before his death, Count Leo Tolstoy had a vision of the future. The article which follows was published in The Star August 31, 1914. It follows:

This is a revelation of events of a universal character, which must shortly come to pass. Their spiritual outlines are now before my eyes. I see floating upon the surface of the sea of human fate the huge silhouette of a nude woman. She is—with her beauty, her poise, her smile, her jewels—a super Venus. Nations rush madly after each other, each of them eager to attract her especially. But she, like an eternal courtesan, flirts with all. In her hair ornament of diamonds and rubies is engraved her name: "Commercialism." As alluring and bewitching as she seems, much destruction follows in her wake. Her breath, wreaking in sordid transactions, her voice of metallic character like gold, and her look of greed are so much poison to the nations who victims to her charms.

And behold she has three gigantic arms, and three torches of universal corruption in her hand. The first torch represents the flame of war that the courtesan carries from city to city country to country. Patriotism answers with flashes of honest flame, but the end is the roar of guns and musketry.

The second torch bears the flame of bigotry and hypocrisy. It lights the lamps only in temples and on the altars of sacred institutions. It carries the seed of falsity and fanaticism. It kindles the minds that are still in cradles and follows them to their graves.

The third torch is that of the law, that dangerous foundation of all unauthentic traditions, which first does its work in the family, then sweeps through the large worlds of literature, art and statesmanship.

The great conflagration will start about 1912, set by the torch of the first arm in the countries of South-eastern Europe. It will develop into a destructive calamity in 1913. In that year I see all Europe in flames and bleeding. I hear the lamentations of huge battlefields. But about the year 1915 a strange figure from the north—a new Napoleon—enters

the stage of the bloody drama. He is a man of little militaristic training, a writer or a journalist, but in his grip most of Europe will remain until 1925. The end of the great calamity will mark a new political era for the Old World. There will be left no empires and kingdoms, but the world will form a federation of the United States of Nations. There will remain only four great nations—the Anglo-Saxons, the Latins, the Slavs and the Mongolians.

After the year 1925 I see a change in religious sentiments. The second torch of the courtesan brought about the fall of the church. The ethical idea has almost vanished. Humanity is without the moral feeling. But then, a great reformer arises. He will clear the world of the relics of monotheism and lay the cornerstone of the temple of pantheism. God, soul, spirit and immortality will be molten in a new furnace and I see the peaceful beginning of an ethical era. The man determined to this mission is a Mongolian Slav. He is already walking the earth—a man of active affairs. He himself does not now realize the mission assigned to him by a superior power.

And behold the flame of the third torch, which has already begun to destroy our family relations, our standards of art and morals. The relation between man and woman is accepted as a prosaic partnership of the sexes. Art has become realistic degeneracy. Political and religious disturbances have shaken the spiritual foundations of all nations. The race wars in Africa have strangled progress for half a century. But then in the middle of this century I see a hero of literature and art rising from the ranks of the Latins and purging the world of the tedious stuff of the obvious. It is the light of symbolism that shall outshine the light of the torch of commercialism. In place of the polyamy and monogamy of today there will come a poetogamy—a relation of the sexes based fundamentally upon poetic conceptions of life.

And I see the nations growing wiser and realizing that the alluring woman of their desires is after all nothing but an illusion. There will be a time when the world will have no use for armies, hypocritical religions and degenerate art. Life is evolution, and evolution is development from the simple to the more complicated forms of the mind and body. I see the passing show of the world drama in

its present form, how it fades like the glow of evening upon the mountains. One month of the hand of commercialism and a new history begins.

—Published by request.

EXEMPTION BOARD SENDING CARDS

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acting for the government, are to investigate each case in the interest of the nation and never in the interests of an individual. There is not an exemption or discharge in the law or regulations that is put there for the benefit of any individual. All are there for the benefit of the nation and to the end that the whole nation may be a team in which each man shall play the part for which he is best fitted.

"Therefore no one has a vested right, by himself or by attorney to urge, by argument or pleading, his individual case upon you. You should rigidly exclude this. Ordinarily you should act on the affidavits. If you desire more information you may proceed to get it. If you doubt the affidavits you may interrogate other persons. If you desire more proof you may get it. But no claimant has a right to submit other proof than that called for by registrations or than that you may call for.

"There should be no rules like those of court procedure, no technical rules of evidence. You should proceed to investigate cases about which you are not satisfied exactly as you, an individual, would proceed to inform yourself about any fact about which you are in doubt.

"Last of all, it is important to say a word about your own sacrifice. The place to which you have been called is one which no man would seek save in the performance of one of the highest patriotic duties.

There is not in any real sense any remuneration. Because thousands of citizens urged that members of local boards should be not placed in a position of performing their grave duties for pay, the regulations provide that ordinarily the service shall be uncompensated. Because it was not desired that any man be prevented from rendering the service by the necessity for earning his daily bread, a small remuneration was provided.

"The nation needs men and needs them quickly. The hours will then be long and the work absorbing. The duty is always to take and never to give, and human nature is such there will be little praise and some blame. The sacrifice of many of those whose cases are to be decided is no greater than that of the men to decide them; and your only reward must be the knowledge that at great personal sacrifice you are rendering your country an indispensable service in a matter of the utmost moment."

Are You Interested in Wise County Fair?

We want you to get busy and help us to make this the best fair in the history of the organization. President Wilson says: let no public enterprise stop on account of the war. Dates for this year's fair are Oct. 9-10-11-12-13. By having five days we are enabled to secure larger and better attractions, and offer larger premiums. Catalogs will be out in a short time. Special premiums are offered on display of farm products and also there is this year a special \$40 community prize for the largest and best display of farm and garden products from any community. Substantial premiums will be offered on everything usually exhibited at a county fair. There will be a number of new and novel features this year, and the attractions will be larger and better than ever before. We respectfully ask the help and co-operation of everyone in Wise county and want you to take a personal interest in this worthy enterprise. The onemotive of the operation of the Wise County fair is a furtherance and promotion of Wise County farming and stockraising and industry generally. It is not operated in the interest of any person or group of persons nor for any money-making motive other than that of defraying the legitimate expenses of the organization. Any suggestions will be properly received by the board of directors. We urge everyone to join with us in this worthy enterprise. (Signed) L. H. Reeves, W. L. Rush, Warren Lillard, J. H. Mecaskey, J. H. Lynch, Sam Renshaw, S. A. Lillard, Jr. Board of Directors

Patronize the Boy Scout stand while attending the reunion. The boys will also carry a free information bureau.

Do You Carry a Bank Account?

If not, we invite you to open one with us and begin to save something for adversity or old age. Call in and let us explain some of the advantages to be derived from carrying an account with a **STRONG BANK.**

A Word To Our Soldier Boys:

Would it not be wise to make an allotment of say one-half your salary and have the amount sent to this bank for your credit. We will take pleasure in looking after this matter for you and keep you fully advised. Come in and talk this over with us, and also sign our Roll of Volunteers.

The City National Bank

J. WARREN LILLARD, Cashier

W. L. RUSH, Vice President

United States Depository for Postal Savings

Sheriff's Notice of Election

The State of Texas, County of Wise—

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 5th day of August, 1917, at Bethel school house, in common school district No. 72 of this county as established by order of the county board of trustees of this county, of date the 19th day of May, 1916, which is recorded in Book 1, page 56 of the minutes of county board of trustees to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpayers voters of that district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the school fund apportioned to said district, and to determine whether the commissioners' court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of 50c on the \$100 valuation of taxable property when taken in connection with the bond tax, and in said district for said purpose. All persons who are legally qualified voters of this state and county who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election. Said election was ordered by the county judge of this county by order made on the 11th day of July, 1917, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated the 11th day of July, 1917. J. LEE MANN, Sheriff Wise County, Texas. (S-1)

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Wise:

By virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Wise county, on the 17th day of July, 1917, by W. V. Cunningham, clerk of said court, against V. S. Halcomb, A. B. Tumlin and B. G. Neville for the sum of one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three (\$1,733.87) dollars and eighty-seven cents and costs of suit, in cause No. 4069 in said court, styled H. C. Browning versus V. S. Halcomb et al. and placed in my hands for service, I, J. Lee Mann, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did on the 17th day of July, 1917, levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise county, described as follows, to-wit: Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24 in block No. 59 in the town of Bridgeport, Wise county, Texas, as shown by the record plat of said town of Bridgeport, and levied upon as the property of said V. S. Halcomb, A. B. Tumlin and B. G. Neville. And on Tuesday, the 7th day of August, 1917, at the courthouse door of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. I will sell said real estate at public vendue for cash to the highest bidder, as the property of said V. S. Halcomb, A. B. Tumlin and B. G. Neville by virtue of a said levy and said order of sale.

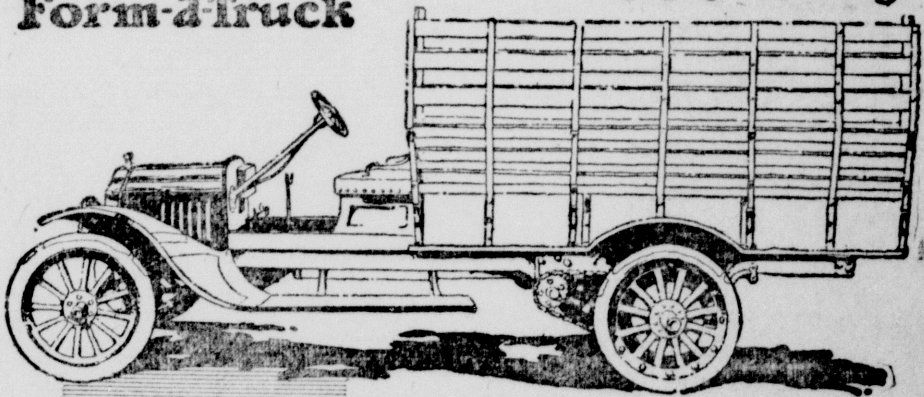
And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand, this 17th day of August, 1917. J. LEE MANN, Sheriff Wise County, Texas. (S-3)

Get your good old lemonade at the Boy Scouts' stand.

Smith Form-a-Truck

\$350 F.O.B. Chicago



Rack Body for Hay, Straw, Loose Grain

Now Eight Bodies in One

SMITH Form-a-Truck itself is one of the biggest money making implements ever offered you.

Combined with the famous Eight-in-One body it is absolutely necessary to any modern farmer.

Look at the eight bodies in one which you can get in a minute, simply by moving the levers on the side.

Think of what this means to you in farm equipment! Instead of having to maintain four or five different types of wagon, you get them all in one.

Take a load of fruit—deliver it—in a minute change the body to carry supplies.

Get rid of this load. Take on live stock in the stock rack body.

Then, if you want to haul lumber or barreled goods—change to the flat rack body.

And all of this on the Smith Form-a-Truck chassis.

Thousands of ranch owners are using Smith Form-a-Truck now. You will not get the utmost efficiency out of your farm until you use it.

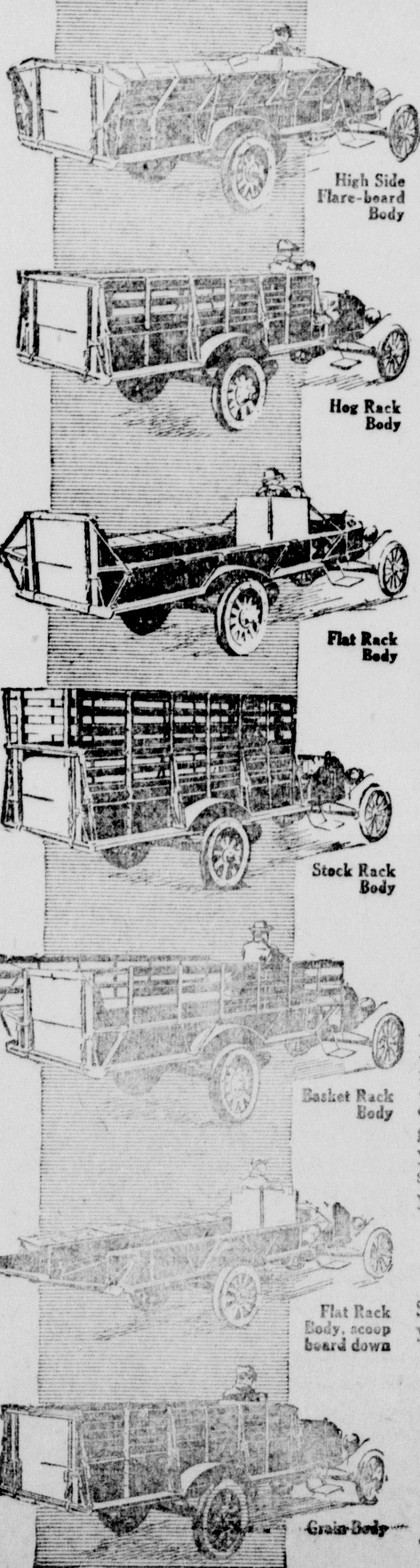
Use Any One of Six Chassis

Using any one of six chassis, Smith Form-a-Truck combines with any Ford, Maxwell, Dodge Bros., Buick, Chevrolet or Overland chassis to make a fully guaranteed one-ton truck. It gives you real truck construction that will stand up under the hardest hauling you could ever do.

When You Are in Town Drop In

See Smith Form-a-Truck. It will pay you well.

Decatur Motor Co.



TO *The* PEOPLE of TEXAS

The railroads of Texas were built and are maintained and operated for your benefit. They are necessary for your welfare and happiness, or else they would not have been authorized or constructed.

Legally, it is the duty of the railroads to furnish you with reasonably adequate and expeditious transportation service.

You are required to pay, in the way of freight and passenger rates and fares, enough to pay all the necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the railroads and in addition thereto enough to yield to the owners a reasonably fair return upon the value of the property devoted to your use and benefit.

The amount you are required to pay is controlled by your public officials, acting under oath, and appointed by your President or elected by you. The amount that these public officials require you to pay is determined mainly by what it costs to operate the railroads. As you will see further on, neither the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Texas Railroad Commission have authorized the charging of more than is necessary.

The records of the railroads are kept in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Those rules require the operating expenses of the railroads to be kept separate from all other expenses.

Each month there is given out from Austin for publication a statement of the gross revenues of the railroads and their operating expenses. These statements are correct as far as they

go, but they do not tell all the truth, for the reason that they do not show the other expenses of the railroads, such as taxes, etc. These other expenses, taxes, hire and rent of equipment, rents of joint facilities, rents accrued for lease of roads and miscellaneous rents will, for the year ending June 30, 1917, amount to about seventeen million five hundred thousand dollars. Taxes alone will amount to over five million dollars. These expenses are just as legitimate and necessary as the expense of running the trains.

When these other necessary expenses are deducted, it will be seen that the railroads of Texas have earned during the year ending June 30, not over 6 per cent upon the value of their properties that are used exclusively for transportation purposes for your benefit.

For the eight preceding years the railroads of Texas have been operated at a net loss of over twenty million dollars.

While other legitimate business is paying dividends of from ten to fifty per cent per annum, surely no just man will object to the railroads occasionally earning such a small return on the value of their property. Surely they ought to be permitted to earn 6 per cent once in nine years without being complained at, or abused.

Out of the aforesaid return, the railroads must pay the interest on their bonds and other indebtedness and make betterments, etc.

Unfortunately, the inability of the railroads to earn anything like adequate returns makes railroad investments very

unattractive and accounts for the almost complete cessation of railroad construction.

More and better railroads are needed, but until the business and earnings of the railroads improve so as to favorably compare with other business, men with money will not invest in railroads, there being so many other avenues of investment where the returns are much larger and much more certain. Whenever the operation of railroads becomes reasonably profitable, money will be readily obtainable for building additional lines.

An analysis and understanding of the conditions of the railroads, physical and financial, will convince any fair-minded man that they cannot stand a reduction in either their freight or passenger rates, and give to the people anything like adequate service. If passenger rates were reduced, freight rates would necessarily have to be increased. Everyone who buys anything, shipped by rail, has to contribute to pay freight rates. Only those who travel extensively would want passenger rates reduced and freight rates increased. These few are more able to pay the present reasonable passenger fares, than the masses of the people to pay greater freight rates.

To you who pay the expenses and are entitled to know the facts, this simple statement of the condition of these public service utilities is submitted and we most respectfully and earnestly ask your fair and intelligent consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Austin
Texas

General Managers Texas Railroads

BOYD.

M. Gooch and family returned last week from a visit to relatives and former neighbors and friends in Ellis county.

Jno. Deaton and family returned last week from a prospecting trip in west Texas, but it was so dry Mr. Deaton decided not to purchase any land at this time.

Miss August Wisdom of Fort Worth visited friends here since our last.

An ice cream supper was had last Friday night at the pavilion for the purpose of raising money to help defray the expenses of the summer normal singing school.

Boyd will have a three-days, Chautauqua next week, Aug. 6-7-8. We hope it will be a success and furnish the people who attend just the entertainment and instruction they have been looking for.

Wesley (Bud) Beeson of Fort Worth visited relatives and friends here latter part of last week.

Mrs. Ollie Hamilton and little daughter, Miss Marie, visited relatives and friends here since our last.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Norton and Miss Ruby Kirkland of Graham arrived last Saturday for a visit to relatives here.

Miss Ethel Hamilton of Elgin, Ill., is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. S. Frazee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Maloney, accompanied by their son, Wilson, and his family of Waxahachie, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Frazee, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Summers and children of McAllen, have been here for several days visiting W. C. Read and family.

Arthur Williams of Hurley, N. M., was here on business and visiting friends first of the week.

Pierce Mount of Chico, visited friends here first of the week.

W. N. Mowery of Chico, was here on business.

Rev. W. W. NeSmith of Bridgeport, who is holding a protracted meeting at Friendship, was here with friends Monday.

Miss Ola Wilson of Rising Star,

arrived here Monday enroute to visit F. A. Davis and family of the Garvin community.

Mrs. Reagan Ford and daughter, Miss Ila, returned to their home at Bridgeport since our last after an extended stay here with relatives.

Tom Wisdom and family of Fort Worth, visited relatives here since our last. Master Lynn remained for a longer visit.

Miss Ida Evans visited relatives and friends at Paradise since our last.

The eighteen day Summer normal singing school closed last week with a public singing Saturday afternoon. Several of the young people made rapid progress during the normal and if properly trained in the future will make first-class singers.

Mr. Whorton Mann and Miss Vera Goodger of Deep Creek community were married Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. D. Huggins of this place. These young people have hosts of friends in this vicinity who offer hearty congratulations and wish for them a happy future.

Miss Ethel Zorns visited in Saginaw and Fort Worth first of the week.

Miss Irene Black visited her friend, Mrs. C. E. McGaw, at Fort Worth Monday.

The Apostolic assembly began a big camp meeting at this place last Saturday. Many from a distance have arrived and are assisting in the meeting.

Miss Lucy Solomon of Hall county, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Trussell and friends.

Dr. Jennings of Park Springs, was in Chico Tuesday bidding his old time friends goodbye. He has volunteered his services as a surgeon in Uncle Sam's army. His commission arrived the first of the week and now he is expecting to be called any time. The Doctor and his estimable family have many friends in Chico who wish them the greatest success in their new field. —Chico Review.

J. M. FARRELL

Graduate
Veterinarian

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Tax Rates For the State and County

The state automatic tax board yesterday fixed the state ad valorem tax rate at 35c on the \$100 an increase of 15c. This is the constitutional limit. The state school remains 20c and the confederate pensions 5c. This makes the whole state tax rate 60c on the \$100.

The county commissioners have fixed the county tax rate at 55c on the \$100, an increase of 5c, divided as follows: road and bridge fund, 30c; general fund, 19c; jury fund, 3c; sinking fund, 3c. The increase is in the general fund and is caused by the mothers' pension law.

This will make the state and county tax rate for this year \$1.65 on the \$100.

Sheriff's Notice of Election

The state of Texas, County of Wise. Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 11th day of August, 1917, at the school house in common school district No. 63 of this county as established by order of the board of trustees of this county, of date the 28th day of June, 1917, which is recorded in Book One, pages 106-108 of the minutes of said board of trustees to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property tax paying voters of that district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the school fund apportioned to said district, and to determine whether the commissioners' court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of not to exceed 50c on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purpose. All persons who are legally qualified voters of this state and county and who are resident property tax payers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election. Said election was ordered by the county judge of this county by order made on the 2nd day of July, 1917, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order. Dated the 14th day of July, 1917. J. LEE MANN, Sheriff Wise County, Texas. (8-3)

Notice

Notice is hereby given to all water and light consumers that bills are payable on or before the 10th of the month. Ten per cent will be added after that date, and if not paid by the last of the month service will be discontinued and a charge of \$1.00 will be made for connection. All bills are payable at the office of the City Secretary on West Main street; office hours from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Please call and settle. Done by order of the City Council. R. L. THOMPSON, City Sec.

BOYD Will Have It's First CHAUTAUQUA

August 6, 7, and 8th

August 6—Agriculture Day. Mr. Tom McGalliard will make an address in the morning.

August 7—Educational Day. An address will be delivered by a prominent Texas educator.

August 8—Patriotic Day. An address will be delivered by Judge F. O. McKensey. The above addresses will be free.

The afternoon and night programme will be followed by the Radcliff Chautauqua.

THE RADCLIFF CHAUTAUQUA

has the highest endorsement of the press and pulpit. A small admission fee will be charged for the afternoon and night performances.

The citizens of Boyd cordially invite you to come to their Chautauqua as this will be an opportunity seldom offered to see a high-class, moral entertainment.

Committee

HENRY JACKSON, Chairman
S. D. McCLUNEY,
T. H. WRIGHT.

Wise Co. Reunion AUGUST 1st-2d-3d

LOCAL NEWS

NEW DENVER SCHEDULE

No. 3, 11:07 a.m.	No. 8, 5:06 a.m.
No. 7, 12:45 a.m.	No. 4, 5:12 p.m.
Leave — Ft. Worth —	Arrive —
No. 3, 9:30 a.m.	No. 8, 6:45 a.m.
No. 7, 11:05 p.m.	No. 4, 6:45 p.m.
Amarillo	
No. 3, 11:15 p.m.	No. 8, 5:50 p.m.
No. 7, 6:00 p.m.	No. 4, 5:45 a.m.
Arrive — Denver —	Leave —
No. 7, 7:00 a.m.	No. 8, 11:30 p.m.

Col. C. N. Workman is here from Willow Point.

Mrs. M. B. Smith and children are visiting in Sunset.

H. Willard of Amarillo, has been visiting here.

Mrs. W. E. Hand spent several days in Krum.

Roy Gibbon has been here this week from Bowie.

Jim Gill of Halsell, and Will Gill of Nocona, are here for a visit.

W. T. Waggoner of Ft. Worth, was here Monday.

Doss McCormack is here from Oklahoma.

W. J. Mann was here Monday from Paradise.

Mrs. A. Caddell, of Electra, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. C. J. Parris is visiting in Clayton, N. M.

Earl Moreland was at home this week.

Penn Dickson has returned from a stay in San Angelo.

Henry Mistletoe Mason was in Fort Worth Monday.

Anthony Morrow was in Oklahoma Sunday.

Miss Alma Moore is spending her vacation at her home in Slidell.

Prof. S. D. Handley was here this week from Bryson.

Mrs. J. R. Stevens of Gainesville, is visiting Mrs. W. W. Williams.

Miss Lena Fulghum of Chico, is the guest of Mrs. Althea Burton.

D. E. Walcott and family are moving back to Decatur from Electra.

D. J. Moss and family of Hamlin, are visiting relatives here.

H. D. Heath II has returned from attending Baylor.

Dave Martin of Dayton, N. M., was here this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Meadows, on Friday, July 27, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Griggs, on Friday, July 27, a daughter.

John Simmons has returned from a trip to South Texas.

J. B. Cunningham and wife were here from Denton Tuesday.

Dave Dickson and family were in Fort Worth Tuesday.

Henry Bridges and family were here from Paradise Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Lewis has returned to her home in Alvord after visiting her children here.

Dr. D. H. Payne is preparing to move his dental parlors to the Masonic building in the suite of rooms to be vacated by McMurray & Gettys.

Visit the Majestic often at the reunion. The program will be changed several times daily.

Rev. G. A. Lenhoff and family of Bowie, attended the funeral of Mr. W. W. Williams here Monday.

H. G. Ward went to Fort Worth Monday and purchased uniforms for the 7th Regiment band.

Editor W. A. Bowen of the Arlington Journal, will deliver an address on the first day of the reunion.

Aubrey Holliday and wife were here from Fort Worth Saturday and Sunday.

Dave Hoyl and family and Shelby Hoyl and family left Tuesday for an extended overland trip to points in West Texas.

Joe Lewis and wife of Dallas, are guests of the family of C. W. Murphy.

First-class cleaning and pressing at Owen's barber shop—F. E. Baits, tailor.

Attend Majestic at the Reunion

Mrs. Zack Thomas and daughter, Miss Sarah, have returned to their home in Lavonia, Ga., after a visit here.

Claud Dillehay, recently elected a member of the Decatur Baptist college, has volunteered in a hospital unit in the U. S. army.

Remember the date for the Ex-confederate reunion—August 1, 2 and 3.

Hon. French Spencer, representative from Wise county, left Saturday for Austin to attend the called session of the House of Representatives, which has convened to hear the impeachment proceedings against Gov. Ferguson.

Bill Schulkey went to Wichita Falls Saturday and volunteered in hospital corps of the U. S. army. Bill returned home to await his call to service.

See Boyd & Mason for 150 acres near Decatur and 60 acres near Greenwood.—Land Office, Decatur.

Letters have been received this week from Horace O'Neal and Noah Reynolds, who are members of the U. S. army somewhere in France. They are both well.—Alvord News.

Visit Majestic at Reunion.

Royl Penn of Waco, is here this week. Royl has volunteered in the ambulance corps of the army.

Mrs. F. E. Shanks and son, who have been visiting here, have returned to Laredo.

Dr. Howell Provenance was in Dallas this week, where he has joined the hospital corps. Dr. Provenance has had three years in the State Medical school, and will prove a valuable man for Uncle Sam.

Ira Maley lost his household effects Saturday in a fire which destroyed the house which he occupied on the Lillard farm. No insurance was carried by Mr. Maley.

A large crowd attended the services held at the local military camp last Sunday afternoon. Revs. Ward and Eidson delivered splendid addresses to the soldier boys.

Pastor Moreland preached a forceful and appropriate sermon to the military company last Sunday night. Capt. Lillard's company attended in a body. The soldiers were each presented with an army testament by the Epworth League.

Don't forget to visit the Red Cross booth at the reunion and in some way help this noble cause which has for its work the relief of distress in the army.

W. D. Wallace, Eugene Mincy, B. C. Davis of Chico; J. H. Golaz, O. L. Hartsell, D. O. Lawson, Paradise; John Ware, Vineyard, and Clafe Short of Clay county, were among those who attended the funeral of Mr. W. W. Williams Monday.

Miss Louise Jarrett, one of Fort Worth's most charming and beautiful girls, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Steve Lillard, Jr.

Commissioner L. E. Tibbitts has sold three of the teams he has been using on the road work for \$965.—Alvord News.

F. B. Hamilton of Dalhart, has bought the Henry Tackle fruit farm west of Decatur. Mr. Hamilton is preparing to plant a large orchard of all kinds of fruits, and will make this one of the largest fruit farms in this section. He stated that he had never found land better adapted to fruit-growing in all his travels through Colorado and New Mexico.

Capt. Lillard's company of volunteers will be mustered into the federal service at Decatur next Sunday. Many of the members of the company have been given leave to spend this week at their homes, but all of the company must report to camp next Saturday, Aug. 4. It is not known just when the company will be called to Fort Worth, but after the boys are put in the federal service, they will be held in readiness to leave any day.

FOR SALE—4 burner New Perfection oil stove; in good condition; also few vessels. Will sell cheap. MRS. G. W. TYSON. (2 wks)

Notice

A meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank, of Greenwood, Tex., is hereby called for the purpose of voting upon the proposition to close the business of the above named bank and to surrender its corporate franchise in conformity with the provisions of section 77, Acts First Called Session Twenty-ninth Legislature, 1905, same being now Revised Statutes 1911, Article 561, said meeting to be held at the office of said bank in Greenwood, Texas, on Sept. 7, 1917, at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. M. Lowder,
J. P. Turner,
E. B. Brown,
Chas. E. Peery,
Directors

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The Better Place to Eat
East Main Street

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Wise.

By virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Wise county, on the 23rd day of July, 1917, by W. V. Cunningham, clerk of said court against J. M. White and A. D. Sanders for the sum of nine hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$974.84) eighty-four cents and costs of suit, in cause No. 4043 in said court, styled J. D. Doughty versus J. M. White et al. and placed in my hands for service, I, J. Lee Mann, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did, on the 23rd day of July, 1917, levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise county, described as follows, to-wit: All of that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, situated in Wise county, Texas, and being 80 acres out of the Edward Shannon survey, the same being fully described in deed of A. D. Sanders and wife to J. M. White of date of Dec. 31, 1910, same being more fully described as follows: All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Wise county, Texas, about 18 miles southwest from Decatur, Texas, on the waters of Garrett creek, the same being a part of the Edward Shannon survey, beginning at a stake in the west line of same thence east 610 vrs, past a stake the N E corner of R E Hall survey at 339 vrs, stake about 50 feet north of the S W cor. of the Chas Herrin survey for which a no, brs, S. 20, W. 4 vrs, thence north 533 1-4 vrs to a stake from which a po, brs, S. 26 1-2, W 1-2; thence 339 vrs, to a stake in the west line of the Shannon survey, thence south 532 1-4 vrs, to the beginning, containing 80 acres of land more or less, and levied upon as the property of said J. M. White and A. D. Sanders. And on Tuesday, the 4th day of Sept, 1917, at the court house door of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of 10 a m and 4 p m, I will sell said land at public vendue, for cash to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. M. White and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand, this 23rd day of July, 1917. J. LEE MANN, Sheriff Wise County, Texas. (8-10)

Constable Sale

The State of Texas, County of Wise.—By virtue of a certain Alias Execution issued out of the Honorable justice court of precinct no. 1, Tarrant county, on the 15 day of June 1917, by Emmett Moore Justice of the town of said court against V. S. Halcomb et al. for the sum of \$35.47 and costs of suit, in cause no. 24920 in said court, styled H. W. Williams versus V. S. Halcomb et al. and placed in my hands for service, I, R. S. Goode, as constable of precinct no. 7, Wise County, Texas, did, on the 20 day of June 1917 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Wise county, described as follows, to-wit being lot no. 3 in block no. 8, in South Decatur, Tex., and levied upon as the property of said V. S. Halcomb and on Tuesday the 7 day of August 1917, at the court house door of Wise county, in the town of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said land at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said V. S. Halcomb by virtue of said levy and said execution.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise county Messenger a newspaper published in Decatur Wise county. Witness my hand, this 20 day of June 1917. R. S. Goode, constable 7, Wise County, Texas.

Sheriff's Notice of Election

The State of Texas, County of Wise: Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 11th day of August, 1917, at the school house in common school district No. 63 of this county as established by order of the board of trustees of this county, of date the 28th day of June, 1917, which is recorded in Book 1, pages 106-107 of minutes of said board of trustees, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpayers voters of that district desire the issuance of bonds on the faith and credit of said common school district, in the amount of \$2,000, the bonds to be of the denomination of \$100 each, numbered consecutively from 1 to 20, both inclusive, payable 20 years from their date, and bearing 5 per cent. interest per annum, payable annually on April 10th of each year, to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in building and equipping a public free school building in common school district No. 63, Wise county, Texas, and to determine whether the commissioners' court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually, while said bonds or any of them are outstanding, a tax upon all taxable property within said district sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity. All persons who are legally qualified voters of this state and county and who are resident property taxpayers in said district, shall be entitled to vote at said election. Said election was ordered by the county judge of this county by order made on the 2nd day of July, 1917, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated the 14th day of July, 1917. J. LEE MANN, Sheriff Wise County, Texas. (8-3)

Sheriff's Notice of Election

The state of Texas, County of Wise. Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 18 day of August 1917, at Prairie Point school house in Common School District No. 56, of this County as established by order of the Commissioners' court of this County, of date the 13 day of July, which is recorded in the book of the minutes of said Court, to determine

whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpayers voters of that district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the State School Fund apportioned to said district, and to determine whether the Commissioners' Court of this County shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually, a tax of,

and at the rate of 25c increase 10 to 25 cents on the hundred dollar valuation of taxable property in said district for said purposes. All persons who are legally qualified voters of said State and County, and who are resident taxpayers in said district, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this county, by order made on the 13 day of July 1917, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order. Dated the July 14, 1917. J. Lee Mann, Sheriff, Wise County, Texas.

Wise county's big reunion—Aug. 1-3

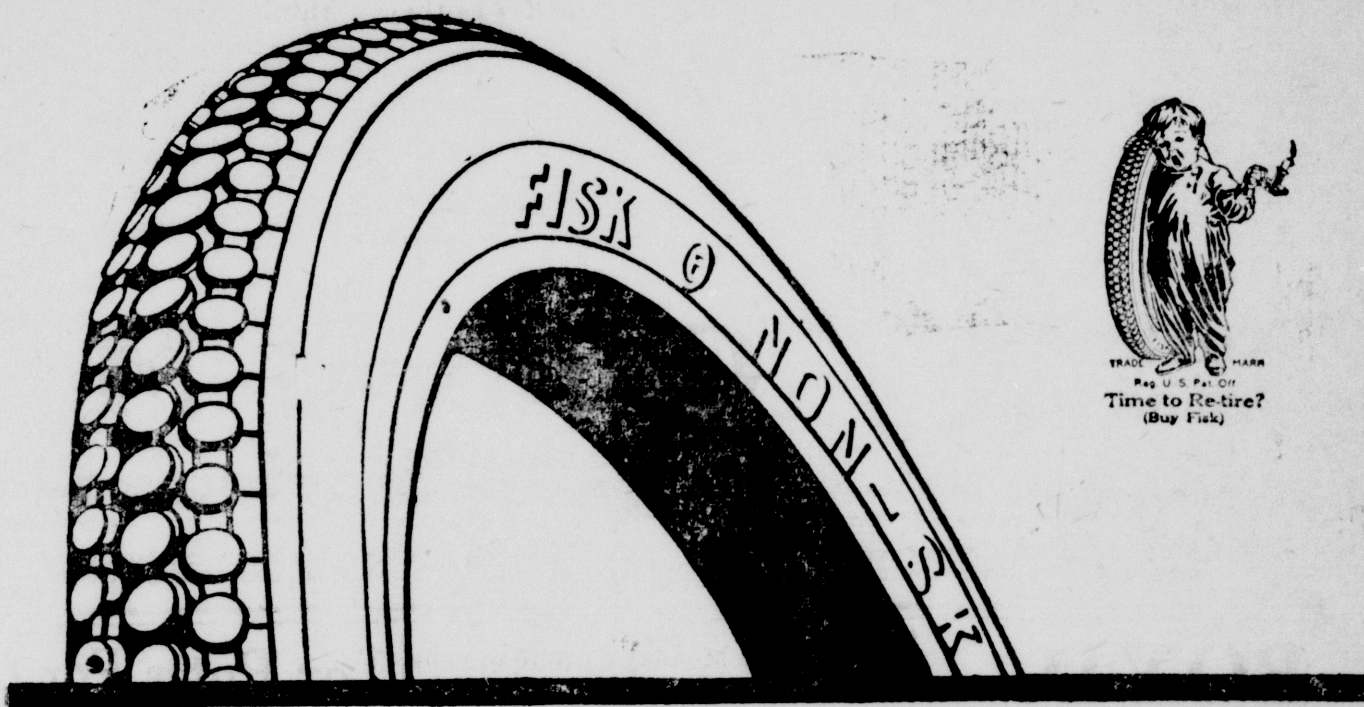
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